

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**  
**WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

**Mail Stop Patent Application**  
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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:  
**SMOOTHING PROCESSOR, SMOOTHING PROCESSING METHOD AND SMOOTHING PROCESSING PROGRAM OF IMAGE DATA**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract  
 Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

**Deleted persons:**

26 pages of specification and claims (including 5 numbered claims), and  
11 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Day/Month/Year Filed</b>
2002-342599	Japan	26 November 2002

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

Applicant claims "small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.

Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement;  Non-Publication Request;  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission;  Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application;  Other: Form PTO-1449 and cited reference

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